

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the reasons which follow. The amendment to claim 14 add the recitation "at least 80% homology" is supported at page 14, line 2 of the present specification.

IDS

An IDS was filed on December 6, 2004 disclosing four references that were cited on October 28, 2004 in a counterpart foreign application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to return an initialed copy of the related SB-08 with the next communication.

Drawings

The Examiner has not yet indicated in the Office Action Summary that the drawings filed with the original application papers on March 22, 2000 have been accepted. Acceptance of these drawings is respectfully requested in the next communication from the Examiner.

Rejections Under 35 USC § 112

Items 11 (a) and 11 (c) of the outstanding Office Action have been overcome by the present amendments. With respect to Item 11 (b), the replacement is carried out between corresponding FRs from different animals. Claim 14 has been amended to overcome the rejection of Item 16.

The claims have been amended to overcome the rejection for lack of enablement.

With respect to Item 14, the specification, at page 14, lines 25 to 34, refers to replacement of "one or a plurality of amino acid residues". After that, the specification, at page 15, lines 2 to 4 defines the "plurality". Therefore, the specification supports one amino acid replacement.

Regarding Item 15, the recitations noted by the Examiner are supported by the specification at page 4, lines 21 to 29, and page 75, lines 5 to 19.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

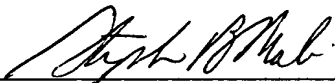
If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit account No 19-0741. If a fee is required for an extension of time under CFR § 1.136 that is not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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